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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, INTERMEDIATE IMAGE TRANSFER BELT THEREFOR AND METHOD OF

PRODUCING THE BELT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.114 as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.